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### **Amendments to the Claims**

The current listing of claims replaces all previous versions of the claims.

### **Listing of Claims**

1. (currently amended) A cleaning kit operable by a tool and for cleaning pipes and fittings to prepare same for soldering, said cleaning kit comprising:

a plurality of unitary sockets having single bodies, said sockets including substantially cylindrical bodies and having a centrally disposed longitudinal axis passing therethrough, said plurality of sockets further including opposed end portions integral with said body, said opposed end portions having centrally disposed openings formed therein respectively, said plurality of sockets further including a plurality of wire bristles attached to one said opposed openings and extending radially inwardly therefrom and towards the axis for receiving an outer surface of a pipe therealong and maintaining continuous surface contact therewith for cleaning same while a tool rotatably engages said plurality of sockets about a pipe;

a first shank having a square end portion for selectively receiving said plurality of sockets therein, said first shank further having an oppositely spaced hexagonal end portion for removably connecting to a tool respectively; and

a wire brush including a lower end portion and a second shank connected thereto, said second shank having a hexagonal shape and being removably attachable to a tool so that same can rotatably engaged with an interior of a pipe and thereby clean same;

a carrying case including lower and upper sections pivotally engageable with each other and for defining a cavity therebetween for storing said plurality of sockets and said shank and said wire brush therein;

said lower end portion of said wire brush being disposed on top of said second shank such that said lower end portion of said wire brush remains spaced from the tool during operating conditions;

wherein each of said sockets are independently attached to said first shank such that only one of said sockets is attached to said shank during operating conditions;

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wherein a bottom one of said openings of said sockets has a square shape  
mated with said first end portion of said first shank;

wherein said second shank is medially seated between said lower end portion of  
said wire brush and the tool;

wherein a top one of said openings of said sockets has a diameter greater than a  
width of said bottom opening, said top opening terminating at said bottom opening such  
that said top and bottom openings are not in fluid communication with each other.

2. (cancelled)

3. (original) The cleaning kit of claim 1, wherein said carrying case further  
comprises:

a handle attached to said upper section and extending outwardly therefrom.

4. (original) The cleaning kit of claim 1, wherein said plurality of wire bristles are  
formed from stainless steel.

5. (original) The cleaning kit of claim 1, wherein said tool comprises:  
one of a power-operated tool and manually-operated tool.

6. (original) The cleaning kit of claim 1, wherein said wire brush has a  
substantially conical shape and further has an apex oppositely spaced from said shank.

7. (currently amended) A cleaning kit operable by a tool and for cleaning pipes  
and fittings to prepare same for soldering, said cleaning kit comprising:

a plurality of unitary sockets having single bodies, said sockets including  
substantially cylindrical bodies and having a centrally disposed longitudinal axis passing  
therethrough, said plurality of sockets further including opposed end portions integral  
with said body, said opposed end portions having centrally disposed openings formed  
therein respectively, said plurality of sockets further including a plurality of wire bristles

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attached to one said opposed openings and extending radially inwardly therefrom and towards the axis for receiving an outer surface of a pipe therealong and maintaining continuous surface contact therewith for cleaning same while a tool rotatably engages said plurality of sockets about a pipe;

a first shank having a square end portion for selectively receiving said plurality of sockets therein, said first shank further having an oppositely spaced hexagonal end portion for removably connecting to a tool respectively;

a wire brush including a lower end portion and a second shank connected thereto, said second shank having a hexagonal shape and being removably attachable to a tool so that same can rotatably engaged with an interior of a pipe and thereby clean same; and

a carrying case including lower and upper sections pivotally engageable with each other and for defining a cavity therebetween for storing said plurality of sockets and said shank and said wire brush therein;

said lower end portion of said wire brush being disposed on top of said second shank such that said lower end portion of said wire brush remains spaced from the tool during operating conditions;

wherein each of said sockets are independently attached to said first shank such that only one of said sockets is attached to said shank during operating conditions;

wherein a bottom one of said openings of said sockets has a square shape mated with said first end portion of said first shank;

wherein said second shank is medially seated between said lower end portion of said wire brush and the tool;

wherein a top one of said openings of said sockets has a diameter greater than a width of said bottom opening, said top opening terminating at said bottom opening such that said top and bottom openings are not in fluid communication with each other.

8. (original) The cleaning kit of claim 7, wherein said carrying case further comprises:

a handle attached to said upper section and extending outwardly therefrom.

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9. (original) The cleaning kit of claim 7, wherein said plurality of wire bristles are formed from stainless steel.

10. (original) The cleaning kit of claim 7, wherein said tool comprises:  
one of a power-operated tool and manually-operated tool.

11. (original) The cleaning kit of claim 7, wherein said wire brush has a substantially conical shape and further has an apex oppositely spaced from said shank.

12. (currently amended) A cleaning kit operable by a tool and for cleaning pipes and fittings to prepare same for soldering, said cleaning kit comprising:

a plurality of unitary sockets having single bodies, said sockets including substantially cylindrical bodies and having a centrally disposed longitudinal axis passing therethrough, said plurality of sockets further including opposed end portions integral with said body, said opposed end portions having centrally disposed openings formed therein respectively, said plurality of sockets further including a plurality of wire bristles attached to one said opposed openings and extending radially inwardly therefrom and towards the axis for receiving an outer surface of a pipe therealong and maintaining continuous surface contact therewith for cleaning same while a tool rotatably engages said plurality of sockets about a pipe;

a first shank having a square end portion for selectively receiving said plurality of sockets therein, said first shank further having an oppositely spaced hexagonal end portion for removably connecting to a tool respectively;

a wire brush including a lower end portion and a second shank connected thereto, said second shank having a hexagonal shape and being removably attachable to a tool so that same can rotatably engaged with an interior of a pipe and thereby clean same; and

a carrying case including lower and upper sections pivotally engageable with each other and for defining a cavity therebetween for storing said plurality of sockets

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and said shank and said wire brush therein, said carrying case further including a handle attached to said upper section and extending outwardly therefrom;

said lower end portion of said wire brush being disposed on top of said second shank such that said lower end portion of said wire brush remains spaced from the tool during operating conditions;

wherein each of said sockets are independently attached to said first shank such that only one of said sockets is attached to said shank during operating conditions;

wherein a bottom one of said openings of said sockets has a square shape mated with said first end portion of said first shank;

wherein said second shank is medially seated between said lower end portion of said wire brush and the tool;

wherein a top one of said openings of said sockets has a diameter greater than a width of said bottom opening, said top opening terminating at said bottom opening such that said top and bottom openings are not in fluid communication with each other.

13. (original) The cleaning kit of claim 12, wherein said plurality of wire bristles are formed from stainless steel.

14. (original) The cleaning kit of claim 12, wherein said tool comprises:  
one of a power-operated tool and manually-operated tool.

15. (original) The cleaning kit of claim 12, wherein said wire brush has a substantially conical shape and further has an apex oppositely spaced from said shank.